

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for the unified management of a plurality of assets allowing collective perusal of the real-time status of transactions and assets held by a user at a plurality of different companies by using a computer network and a unified asset management server, comprising the steps of:

a client computer notifying a financial institution server to send asset information to a unified asset management server;

said client computer making a request to said unified asset management server to update a portfolio;

said unified asset management server making a request to said financial institution server to perform authentication;

said financial institution server providing authentication when said unified asset management server is the server specified in the notification from said client computer;

said unified asset management server making a request to said financial institution server to send said asset information;

said financial institution server sending said asset information to said unified asset management server;

said unified asset management server updating a portfolio based on said asset information received; and

said unified asset management server sending an updated portfolio to said client computer.

2. (Currently Amended) A method for the unified management of a plurality of assets allowing collective perusal of the real-time status of transactions and assets held by a

user at a plurality of different companies by using a computer network and a unified asset management server, comprising the steps of:

a financial institution server being notified to the effect that an event comprising a deposit/withdrawal process has taken place;

said financial institution server notifying a unified asset management server to the effect that asset information will be sent;

said financial institution server sending said asset information to said unified asset management server;

said unified asset management server updating a portfolio based on said asset information received; and

said unified asset management server sending an updated portfolio to a client computer.

3. (Currently Amended) A method for the unified management of a plurality of assets allowing collective perusal of the real-time status of transactions and assets held by a user at a plurality of different companies by using a computer network and a unified asset management server, comprising the steps of:

a client computer making a request to a financial institution server to perform authentication;

said financial institution server providing authentication;

said client computer making a request to said financial institution server to execute a prescribed transaction;

said financial institution server notifying said client computer of the results of the execution of said transaction;

said client computer making a request to said unified asset management server to update a portfolio;

said unified asset management server making a request to said financial institution server to perform authentication;

 said financial institution server providing authentication when the request for said authentication by said unified asset management server is made within a prescribed time from the execution of said transaction;

 said unified asset management server making a request to said financial institution server to send said asset information;

 said financial institution server sending said asset information to said unified asset management server;

 said unified asset management server updating a portfolio based on said asset information received; and

 said unified asset management server sending an updated portfolio to said client computer.

4. (Currently Amended) A method for the unified management of a plurality of assets allowing collective perusal of the real-time status of transactions and assets held by a user at a plurality of different companies by using a computer network and a unified asset management server, comprising the steps of:

 a unified asset management server being started up automatically by a timer;
 said unified asset management server making a request to said financial institution server to perform authentication;

 said financial institution server providing authentication when the request for said authentication by said unified asset management server was made within a predetermined time period;

 said unified asset management server making a request to said financial institution server to send said asset information;

said financial institution server sending said asset information to said unified asset management server;

 said unified asset management server updating a portfolio based on the received said asset information; and

 said unified asset management server sending an updated portfolio to said client computer.

5. (Previously Presented) The method for the unified management of a plurality of assets using a computer network according to claim 1, further comprising the step of sending said updated portfolio to an adviser server in order to receive advice.

6. (Original) A unified asset management system comprising:
 a plurality of assets databases corresponding to a plurality of financial institutions;
 a plurality of authentication information databases corresponding to said plurality of financial institutions;

 a portfolio database for storing portfolio information related to total assets in said plurality of financial institutions;

 a unified asset management server for receiving asset information from said plurality of financial institutions and storing same respectively in said plurality of asset databases, and, in addition, for preparing said portfolio based on said plurality of asset databases and storing same in said portfolio database;

 an authentication database for performing user authentication;
 an asset management database for managing a user's assets;
 a transaction management database for storing transaction information related to a user's assets;

an event notification unit, which, when a transaction occurs, notifies said unified asset management server to that effect; and

a financial institution server which is connected to said authentication database, said asset management database, and said transaction management database; wherein said financial institution server sends asset information to said unified asset management server after the notification from said event notification unit.

7. (Original) A unified asset management system comprising:

a plurality of assets databases corresponding to a plurality of financial institutions;

a plurality of authentication information databases corresponding to said plurality of financial institutions;

a portfolio database for storing portfolio information related to total assets in said plurality of financial institutions;

a clock/calendar apparatus;

a unified asset management server for receiving asset information from said plurality of financial institutions and storing same respectively in said plurality of asset databases, and, in addition, for preparing said portfolio based on said plurality of asset databases and storing same in said portfolio database;

an authentication database for performing user authentication;

an asset management database for managing a user's assets;

a transaction management database for storing transaction information related to a user's assets;

a second clock/calendar apparatus; and

a financial institution server connected to said authentication database, said asset management database, and said transaction management database,

wherein said unified asset management server receives a signal from said clock/calendar apparatus, and makes a request to said financial institution server to send asset information, and said financial institution server receives a signal from said second clock/calendar apparatus and based on this signal makes a determination as to whether or not the request from said unified asset management server was made within a predetermined period of time, and, in addition, sends said asset information on the basis of the results of this determination.